

1 **Listing of the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 None of the claims have been amended but are presented below for the convenience of the  
4 Examiner as follows:

5 1. (Previously Presented) A method of accessing information related to an installation of a  
6 peripheral device connected to a host device, comprising the steps of:

7 (a) obtaining from the peripheral device at least one identifier identifying the  
8 peripheral device;

9 (b) determining a network address based on said at least one identifier;

10 (c) in response to a request that is automatically generated initially to facilitate the  
11 installation, executing a browser function on the host device to access the remote device at the  
12 network address to obtain information required for the use of the peripheral device by the host  
13 device; and

14 (d) enabling a user to suppress further automatically generated requests to execute  
15 a browser function on the host device, to access the network address to obtain information not  
16 essential for the use of the peripheral device by the host device, wherein said automatically generated  
17 requests are not initiated by the user.

18 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining occurs automatically  
19 when the host device detects a change in a number of peripheral devices connected to the host device.

20 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining occurs automatically  
21 when a user manually provides an indication to the host device that the peripheral device is connected  
22 to the host device.

23 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining comprises the steps of  
24 employing said at least one identifier as at least a portion of the network address.

25 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining comprises the steps of:

26 (a) issuing a request to the peripheral device for a device descriptor;

27 (b) receiving the device descriptor from the peripheral device; and

28 (c) parsing the device descriptor to determine said at least one identifier.

29 6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of obtaining comprises the steps of:

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1 (a) issuing a request to the peripheral device for a string descriptor comprising  
2 said at least one identifier;

3 (b) receiving the string descriptor from the peripheral device; and

4 (c) parsing the string descriptor to determine said at least one identifier.

5 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the step of obtaining comprises the steps of:

6 (a) issuing a Class request to the peripheral device for at least one identifier; and

7 (b) receiving said at least one identifier.

8 8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, whereby the step of obtaining comprises  
9 the steps of:

10 (a) issuing a Vendor Specific Device request to the peripheral device for said at  
11 least one identifier; and

12 (b) receiving said at least one identifier from the peripheral device.

13 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining a network address  
14 comprises accessing a database that includes a plurality of network addresses, using said at least one  
15 identifier to find the network address in the database.

16 10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the database is stored on the host device.

17 11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the database is stored on a device that is  
18 accessible by the host device.

19 12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of determining a network address  
20 comprises the step of generating a network address based on said at least one identifier.

21 13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of executing a browser  
22 function comprises the step of automatically retrieving at least one of data, machine instructions, and  
23 a document pertaining to the peripheral device from the remote device using the network address.

24 14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of using the  
25 browser function for automatically downloading a setup program that is stored on the remote device  
26 and pertains to the peripheral device.

27 15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 14, further comprising the step of  
28 automatically executing the setup program that was downloaded to the host device to install software  
29 on the host device pertaining to the peripheral device.

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1           16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of executing  
2 the browser function to obtain a device driver for the peripheral device that is automatically installed  
3 on the host device.

4           17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of using the  
5 browser function to automatically download an application program that is stored on the remote  
6 device and pertains to use of the peripheral device by the host device.

7           18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of using the  
8 browser function to automatically download and install firmware into the peripheral device.

9           19. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of creating a link to the  
10 network address that a user can subsequently select to later communicate with the remote device.

11           20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of executing the  
12 browser function comprises the step of using the browser function on the host device to automatically  
13 access the remote device at the network address.

14           21. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling a user to  
15 selectively execute a browser function on the host device to automatically access the remote device at  
16 the network address.

17           22. (Previously Cancelled)

18           23. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of periodically updating  
19 the database to add and change network addresses pertaining to peripheral devices, each network  
20 address being accessed based upon at least one identifier obtained from a peripheral device.

21           24. (Original) A machine-readable medium having machine-executable instructions that  
22 when executed by a processor, cause the processor to implement steps (a) through (c) of Claim 1.

23           25. (Previously Presented) A system for automatically accessing information related to an  
24 installation of a peripheral device, comprising:

- 25                   (a)     a peripheral device in which is stored at least one identifier;  
26                   (b)     a remote device adapted to communicate over a network; and  
27                   (c)     a host device comprising:  
28                           (i)     a memory in which are stored machine instructions;  
29                           (ii)    a network interface adapted to communicate with the remote device  
30 over the network; and

1 (iii) a processor; said processor executing the machine instructions stored in  
2 the memory, to carry out a plurality of functions, including:

3 (1) communicating with the peripheral device to obtain at least one  
4 identifier identifying the peripheral device;

5 (2) determining a network address based on said at least one  
6 identifier;

7 (3) in response to a request that is automatically generated initially  
8 to facilitate the installation, executing a browser function on the host device to access the remote  
9 device at the network address to obtain information required for the use of the peripheral device by  
10 the host device; and

11 (4) enabling a user to suppress further automatically generated  
12 requests to execute a browser function on the host device, to access the network address to obtain  
13 information not essential for the use of the peripheral device by the host device wherein said  
14 automatically generated requests are not initiated by a user.

15 26. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
16 processor to:

17 (a) issue a request to the peripheral device for a device descriptor;

18 (b) receive the device descriptor from the peripheral device; and

19 (c) parse the device descriptor to determine said at least one identifier.

20 27. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
21 processor to:

22 (a) issue a request to the peripheral device for a string descriptor comprising said  
23 at least one identifier;

24 (b) receive the string descriptor from the peripheral device; and

25 (c) parse the string descriptor to determine said at least one identifier.

26 28. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
27 processor to:

28 (a) issue a Class request to the peripheral device for at least one identifier; and

29 (b) receive said at least one identifier.

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1           29. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
2 processor to:

3                   (a)     issue a Vendor Specific Device request to the peripheral device for said at least  
4 one identifier; and

5                   (b)     receive said at least one identifier from the peripheral device.

6           30. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
7 processor to determine a network address by accessing a database that includes a plurality of network  
8 addresses, using said at least one identifier to find the network address in the database.

9           31. (Original) The system of Claim 30, wherein said database is stored by the host device.

10          32. (Original) The system of Claim 30, wherein said database is stored by a device that is  
11 accessible by the host device.

12          33. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
13 processor to generate a network address based on said at least one identifier.

14          34. (Original) The system of Claim 25 wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
15 processor to automatically retrieve at least one of data, machine instructions, and a document  
16 pertaining to the peripheral device from the remote device using the network address.

17          35. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
18 processor to automatically download a setup program that is stored on the remote device and pertains  
19 to the peripheral device.

20          36. (Original) The system of Claim 35, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
21 processor to automatically execute the setup program that was downloaded to the host device, to  
22 install software on the host device pertaining to the peripheral device.

23          37. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
24 processor to automatically install a device driver for the peripheral device on the host device.

25          38. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
26 processor to automatically download an application program that is stored on the remote device and  
27 pertains to use of the peripheral device by the host device.

28          39. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
29 processor to automatically download and install firmware into the peripheral device.

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1           40. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
2 processor to create a link to the network address that a user can subsequently select to later  
3 communicate with the remote device.

4           41. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
5 processor to automatically execute a browser function on the host device to automatically access the  
6 remote device at the network address with the browser function.

7           42. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
8 processor to enable a user to selectively execute a browser function on the host device to  
9 automatically access the remote device at the network address, to display a web page indicated by the  
10 network address.

11           43. (Previously Cancelled)

12           44. (Original) The system of Claim 25, wherein said machine instructions further cause the  
13 processor to periodically update a database that includes a plurality of network addresses, to add and  
14 change network addresses pertaining to peripheral devices, each network address being indexed using  
15 at least one identifier obtained from a peripheral device.